

Interim Committee on School Finance

Terms and Definitions

District total program equals the greater of the following:

[§ 22-54-104 (2) (a) (IX), C.R.S.]

(District per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count - District on-line pupil enrollment - District ASCENT program pupil enrollment)) + District at-risk funding + District on-line funding + District ASCENT program funding

or

(Minimum per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count - District on-line pupil enrollment - District ASCENT program pupil enrollment)) + District on-line funding + District ASCENT program funding

District per pupil funding

[§ 22-54-104 (3), C.R.S.]

((Statewide base per pupil funding x District personnel costs factor x District cost of living factor) + (Statewide base per pupil funding x District nonpersonnel costs factor)) x District size factor

Statewide base per pupil funding

[§ 22-54-104 (5) (a) (XVI), C.R.S.]

For the 2009-10 budget year, the statewide base per pupil funding is \$5,507.68, which is an amount equal to \$5,250.41 supplemented by \$257.27 to account for inflation plus an additional one percentage point.

Article IX section 17 of the state constitution (Amendment 23) requires the base to increase by inflation plus one percentage point through the 2010-11 state fiscal year and by inflation for the 2011-12 state fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

District personnel costs factor

[§ 22-54-104 (5) (d), C.R.S.]

The personnel costs factor reflects that the differences in the cost of living from district to district primarily affect the salaries that the district has to pay to hire and retain qualified personnel.

District cost of living factor

[§ 22-54-104 (5) (c), C.R.S.]

The cost of living factor allowed for each district reflects the differences in the costs of housing, goods, and services among regions in which districts are located. Such factor does not reflect any annual increase in the costs of housing, goods, and services caused by inflation. The higher the factor, the more expensive the costs of housing, goods, and services in the region in which the school district is located.

District nonpersonnel costs factor

[§ 22-54-104 (5) (e), C.R.S.]

The nonpersonnel costs factor accounts for district costs other than the costs of paying teachers and other personnel.

District size factor

[§ 22-54-104 (5) (b), C.R.S.]

The size factor provides additional money to all school districts but particularly to small districts that are unable to take advantage of economies of scale. The smaller the school district, the larger the size factor.

District funded pupil count

[§ 22-54-103 (7), C.R.S.]

The district's on-line pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the district's preschool program enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the district's supplemental kindergarten enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the district's ASCENT program pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year, plus the greater of:

- The district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year; or
- The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year

- and the district's pupil enrollment for the immediately preceding budget year;
or
- The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the two immediately preceding budget years; or
 - The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the three immediately preceding budget years; or
 - The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the four immediately preceding budget years.

District on-line pupil enrollment

[§ 22-54-103 (8.5), C.R.S.]

The number of pupils, on October 1 within the applicable budget year or the school day nearest said date, enrolled in, attending, and actively participating in a multi-district program. ("Multi-district program" means an on-line program that serves a student population drawn from two or more school districts).

A district's on-line pupil enrollment includes the certified on-line pupil enrollment of each operating institute charter school for which the district is the accounting district. The department of education adds the institute charter school's certified on-line pupil enrollment to the on-line pupil enrollment of the district prior to calculating the district's total program pursuant to section 22-54-104, C.R.S.

District ASCENT program pupil enrollment

[§ 22-54-103 (5.2), C.R.S.]

The number of pupils, on October 1 within the applicable budget year or the school day nearest said date, who are concurrently enrolled in a postsecondary course, including an academic course or a career and technical education course, as a participant in the ASCENT program. An ASCENT program participant who is enrolled in at least twelve credit hours of postsecondary courses, including academic courses or career and technical education courses, as of October 1 of the applicable budget year is included in the district ASCENT program pupil enrollment as a full-time pupil. An ASCENT program participant who is enrolled in less than twelve credit hours of postsecondary courses, including academic courses or career and technical education courses, as of October 1 of the applicable budget year is included in the district ASCENT program pupil enrollment as a part-time pupil.

District at-risk funding is determined in accordance with one of the following formulas:
[§ 22-54-104 (4), C.R.S.]

- If the district percentage of at-risk pupils is equal to or less than the statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils or the district's funded pupil count is equal to or less than four hundred fifty-nine, the formula is:

$(\text{District per pupil funding} \times 12\%) \times \text{District at-risk pupils}$

or

- If the district percentage of at-risk pupils is greater than the statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils and the district's funded pupil count is greater than four hundred fifty-nine, the formula is:

$((\text{District per pupil funding} \times 12\%) \times (\text{Statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils} \times \text{District pupil enrollment})) + ((\text{District per pupil funding} \times \text{District at-risk factor}) \times (\text{District at-risk pupils} - (\text{Statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils} \times \text{District pupil enrollment})))$

District at-risk factor (applied in the at-risk funding formula)
[§ 22-54-104 (5) (f), C.R.S.]

If the district percentage of at-risk pupils is greater than the statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils and the district's funded pupil count is greater than four hundred fifty-nine but not in excess of fifty thousand, the district's at-risk factor is 12% plus a 0.30 percentage point for each percentage point that the district percentage of at-risk pupils exceeds the statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils; except that no district's at-risk factor shall exceed 30%.

If the district percentage of at-risk pupils is greater than the statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils and the district's funded pupil count is greater than fifty thousand, the district's at-risk factor is 12% plus a 0.36 percentage point for each percentage point that the district percentage of at-risk pupils exceeds the statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils; except that no district's at-risk factor shall exceed 30%.

District on-line funding

[§ 22-54-104 (4.5), C.R.S.]

(District on-line pupil enrollment x \$6,135)

For the 2008-09 budget year and budget years thereafter, the dollar amount is increased by the percentage by which the statewide base per pupil funding for that budget year is increased over the statewide base per pupil funding for the 2007-08 budget year.

District ASCENT program funding

[§ 22-54-104 (4.7), C.R.S.]

(District ASCENT program pupil enrollment x \$6,135)

For the 2010-11 budget year and budget years thereafter, the dollar amount is increased by the percentage by which the statewide base per pupil funding for that budget year is increased over the statewide base per pupil funding for the 2007-08 budget year.

Minimum per pupil funding

[§ 22-54-104 (3.5), C.R.S.]

- An amount equal to ninety-five percent of the minimum per pupil funding base.
- "Minimum per pupil funding base" means the total of the calculation specified below for all districts for the budget year divided by the statewide funded pupil count minus the statewide on-line pupil enrollment and minus the statewide ASCENT program pupil enrollment, for said budget year.
- The following calculation shall be used for the purpose of determining the minimum per pupil funding base:

(District per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count - District on-line pupil enrollment - District ASCENT program pupil enrollment)) + District at-risk funding.

Categorical programs include:

[§ 22-55-102 (4), C.R.S.; Article 9, Section 17 (2) (a), State Constitution]

- Public school transportation as described in article 51 of title 22, C.R.S.;
- The English language proficiency program created in section 22-24-104, C.R.S.;
- The expelled and at-risk student services grant program created in section 22-33-205, C.R.S.;
- Special education programs for children with disabilities as described in article 20 of title 22, C.R.S.;
- Special education programs for gifted children as described in article 20 of title 22, C.R.S.;
- The grant program for in-school or in-home suspension described in article 37 of title 22, C.R.S.;
- Career and technical education as described in article 8 of title 23, C.R.S.;
- Small attendance centers for which state aid is available pursuant to section 22-54-122, C.R.S.;
- The comprehensive health education program created in section 22-25-104, C.R.S.; and
- Other current and future accountable programs specifically identified in statute as a categorical program.

22-54-106. Local and state shares of district total program. (1) (a) (I) Every district shall levy the number of mills determined pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section, and *the amount of property tax revenue which the district is entitled to receive from the levy, assuming one hundred percent collection, along with the amount of specific ownership tax revenue paid to the district, as defined in section 22-54-103 (11), shall be the district's share of its total program.*

(b) Except as provided in subsections (8) and (11) of this section, *the state's share of a district's total program shall be the difference between the district's total program and the district's share of its total program; except that no district shall receive less in state aid than an amount established by the general assembly in the annual general appropriation act based upon the amount of school lands and mineral lease moneys received pursuant to the provisions of article 41 of this title and section 34-63-102 (2), C.R.S., multiplied by the district's funded pupil count.*

(2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (2), for reorganized districts, for the 2007 property tax year and property tax years thereafter, *each district shall levy the lesser of:*

(I) The number of mills levied by the district for the immediately preceding property tax year;

(II) The number of mills that will generate property tax revenue in an amount equal

to the district's total program for the applicable budget year minus the district's minimum state aid and minus the amount of specific ownership tax revenue paid to the district;

(III) For a district that has not obtained voter approval to retain and spend revenues in excess of the property tax revenue limitation imposed on the district by section 20 of article X of the state constitution, the number of mills that may be levied by the district under the property tax revenue limitation imposed on the district by section 20 of article X of the state constitution. In the calculation of local growth for purposes of determining the property tax revenue limitation imposed on a district under this subparagraph (III), a district's student enrollment shall be the district's funded pupil count.

(IV) Repealed.

(V) Twenty-seven mills.

(Emphasis added. Only a portion of section 22-54-106, C.R.S., is included.)